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August 15, 1947

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of August 9 addressed to Mr. White has been referred to me because Mr. White is on vacation.

We have asked our Mr. Perry to furnish us with such names he has of persons who claim to have been discriminated against by the FBI when applying for employment.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins

Assistant Secretary.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover
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August 19, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been out of the city and am in the office only for a few hours today, but I am answering your letter immediately because of its importance.

The press release was based upon investigations made by our Washington Bureau. Mr. Leslie Perry, Administrative Assistant of that Bureau, was the recipient of a number of complaints, according to my information, made by Negro applicants for employment with the FBI. I have today requested Mr. Perry to prepare and send to you a memorandum of the facts as the basis for the personal inquiry you wish to make into the matter.

Sincerely,

Walter White

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Secretary

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RE: RACIAL GROUPS

During the past several weeks a situation has developed which I feel should be called to your personal attention so that you can be alert to any similar developments in your division. Certain racial groups by letters and by the issuance of press releases leveled severe criticism at the Bureau for the manner in which our applicant recruiting program has been conducted, particularly the manner in which applicants have been treated in submitting applications and being afforded interviews and tests. It has been alleged that applicants during interviews for positions in the Bureau have been given "brush-offs" and interviewing officials have indulged in subterfuges to discourage applicants because of race, color or creed.

Requests for specific instances of such allegations have thus far met with negative results. However, I fear that we have not been as sensitive and alert as we should be in the handling of applicants, particularly those of minority groups. The Bureau has been charged with following a "lily white" hiring policy in its clerical as well as investigative positions. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People issued a press release in New York City castigating the Bureau for its hiring policy and its treatment of applicants and to date the release has appeared in three Negro weekly newspapers.

I want to emphasize upon you and your personnel that in all our contacts with the public we must be absolutely certain that our conduct and our manner are absolutely free of any indication of bias or prejudice. It is imperative that we be objective and tolerant in receiving applications from applicants, affording interviews in applicant as well as other types of cases and in dealing with the public generally. We should at all times strive to be fair and impartial so that

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there will not be the slightest basis for any such charges as racial bias and prejudice being leveled at the Bureau.

Subversive individuals and groups will do everything possible to magnify and publicize charges of racial discrimination upon the part of the Bureau and you can anticipate that so-called "guinea pigs" will be sent to your office for the express purpose of testing the reception they will receive in an effort to develop specific instances of bias and discrimination on the part of our personnel.

As I have indicated in the past, I will not tolerate any showing of bias and prejudice on the part of our personnel in their interviews and contacts with the public. It will be your responsibility to see that the Bureau's interests are adequately protected and that there will be no basis upon which any individual or group of individuals can make charges of racial discrimination against the Bureau. I definitely feel that if we are fair and impartial in our dealings with all individuals and groups of individuals no such charges can be made against the Bureau. If there is any disregard of my specific instructions with respect to this matter, I want you to know that employees guilty of such practices will be summarily dismissed from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS OF AMERICA
Affiliated To The Congress of Industrial Organizations
International Office

930 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.
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September 12, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to call your attention to the standard Federal Bureau of Investigation job application form, FD-140. On Page 4 of this form you will note that the applicant is instructed to attach his photograph in a space allotted for that purpose.

Some years ago the U.S. Civil Service Commission abolished the use of photographs in application forms for employment in government agencies. This action was taken by the Commission after it discovered that use of the applicant's photograph on the application form provided an avenue through which prejudiced officials could practice racial discrimination in hiring for government jobs. The validity of the Commission's action in abolishing these photographs is evident.

I urge that you as Director of one of the few government agencies which is doing any hiring at this time provide every possible safeguard to assure freedom from discrimination for job applicants. Although your agency is not bound by civil service rules and regulations, it is requested that you adopt the same safeguard as that adopted by the Civil Service Commission, namely, abolition of photographs on your standard job application form. This action would promote the principle of employment solely on the basis of merit. The utilization of photographs on application forms can only serve to aid the growth of discrimination against minority group job applicants.

In calling this matter to your attention I am mindful of the protest which was recently made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with regard to discrimination against Negro job applicants

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by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the course of hiring additional staff to administer the President's Loyalty Order. I am sure that in view of these factors you can see the danger in the continued utilization of photographs on your employment application forms. Of course I recognize the need for security provisions in a Bureau such as yours, but I am convinced that utilization of other identification forms could serve the purpose without exposing prospective employees of your Bureau to the indignity of racial discrimination.

I therefore urge that the use of photographs on your employment application form FD-140 be immediately abolished in the interests of guaranteeing equality of opportunity for employment in your agency.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Richardson
International Vice-President

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Mr. Thomas Richardson
International Vice-President
United Public Workers of America
930 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 12, 1947. In response to your inquiry, you are advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation requests applicants for appointment in its service to furnish a photograph solely for security purposes.

There is no discrimination against any applicant for appointment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation because of color, race or creed. All that is required is that the applicant be an American citizen, of good reputation, and that he be technically qualified for the position for which he makes application.

Sincerely yours,

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September 15, 1947

Mr. Nichols advises that UPWA has issued a statement for release Tuesday morning on all the lines of the attached letter. Berger, at Station WWDC, has a 15-minute program tonight. He wants to minimize the UPWA statement and feature any reply that we might care to make.

It is suggested we try to acknowledge this letter today and furnish Berger a copy.

Director's Notation:
"I agree. H."

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RE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. INTERNAL SECURITY. REMYTEL AUGUST EIGHTH.

PEOPLES VOICE, NEGRO COMMUNIST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, ISSUE OF AUG. SIXTEENTH, WHICH APPEARED ON NY NEWSSTANDS TODAY, PAGE SEVEN, CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING BRIEF ARTICLE CAPTIONED "NAACP ACCUSES FBI OF BIAS - WASHINGTON - THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IS OPERATING A LILY WHITE HIRING POLICY AND GIVING NEGROES THE BRUSH-OFF, IT WAS CHARGED HERE LAST WEEK BY LESLIE PERRY, SPOKESMAN FOR THE WASHINGTON OFFICE, NAACP. AROUSED BY WHAT HE TERMS ARE A STEADILY GROWING NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS, PERRY WROTE J. EDGAR HOOVER THAT "IT IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS TO BELIEVE THAT AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT WHOSE PERSONNEL RECRUITING RECORD IS SO BADLY TAINTED WITH RACIAL BIAS WILL, WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MINORITY RACIAL GROUPS, GIVE THEM A SQUARE DEAL." END OF NEWS ITEM. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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September 25, 1947

Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. White:

The General Manager of the Washington Afro-American was fair enough to send me a copy of his letter addressed to Mr. John H. Johnson, Editor of Ebony Magazine, under date of September 19, 1947. I note that a copy was also designated for you.

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Mr. Garvin misrepresents the facts when he says, "There are no Negro FBI Agents." The article recently appearing in Ebony Magazine is accurate and I thought you might be interested in the attached copy of a communication I am sending to Mr. Garvin today.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Attention: Committee on Loyalty Investigations in the Federal Government

Dear Sir:

Attached please find a copy of an open letter directed to you for your immediate attention and action.

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The Press

The District of Columbia Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, demands an immediate investigation of Arthur E. [redacted] and the Brookland-Dahlgren Terrace Protective Association in view of the vicious racism and incitement to violence pronounced by Mr. McNerney and apparently espoused by the citizens association (as quoted by the Washington Post) at its meeting in the Crosby S. Noyes School, 10th and Franklin Streets, N. E., Wednesday night, September 17th.

Not only were the statements of Mr. McNerney clearly un-American, Hitlerian and immoral, but his admission that he is a government worker for eight hours a day and an advocate of hate and passion "many others in the cause of all-white neighborhoods" points unswervingly to the fact that this man is acting strongly to defeat the pronouncements of the President of the United States when he said, "Every man should have the right to a decent home..." and also distinctly contrary to the substance of the Constitution of the United States.

We feel that this resurgence of intolerance in the Capital of the nation must be uprooted by prompt and adequate legal action. The terrific i pact of the "Tushin Case", National Theater policy, Constitution Hall closed-stage policy, and other evidences of

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iniquitous rancor is felt not alone in Washington by those against whom this is directed, but it is welcomed throughout the world by all forces of reaction and fascism which are waiting patiently to see us destroy democracy and ourselves in a war of terror induced by bigotry and hate.

THE NAACP FURTHER DEMANDS an immediate investigation of the Department of Recreation which refuses the use of school facilities for cultural or educational purposes where the participants or audience are interracial in nature, but openly condones the use of those same facilities by groups that masquerade as "citizen's associations" but which are firmly dedicated to unfriendly and undemocratic principles.

Stephen Gill Spottswood
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Assistant Attorney General
Mr. T. Vincent Quinn

September [illegible], 1947

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INVESTIGATION OF ARTHUR B. McHERNEY
AND BROOKLAND-DAHLGREN TERRACE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

EX-30

There is attached hereto a photostatic copy of a letter dated September 18, 1947 received by this Bureau from the District of Columbia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. There is also attached a photostatic copy of the enclosure which accompanied that letter, the same being an open letter to, among others, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, and wherein the Association demands an immediate investigation of Arthur B. McHerney and the Brookland-Dahlgren Terrace Protective Association in view of alleged statements made by Mr. McHerney at a meeting of this Protective Association on September 17, 1947.

I would appreciate advice as to what action, if any, this Bureau should take concerning this matter.

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September 13, 1947

Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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Dear Mr. White:

I regret the necessity of addressing another communication to you regarding what impresses me as most serious charges. The Bureau was informed two days ago of embarrassing criticism that was about to be leveled at it. In looking into the charges we have found that in each instance they are untrue.

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One of the charges was predicated upon a communication written by Mr. Thurgood Marshall to Mr. Wendell Berge as Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division in connection with the case involving [redacted] You will recall that this is the case that you discussed with me and that you subsequently furnished me memoranda outlining your investigation and negotiations with the Department. In his letter of January 30, 1942, Mr. Marshall among other things states:

"The reason there is no evidence is because of the type of investigation made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was reported to the Department of Justice in June, 1940. The FBI Agents sent to investigate the charges against [redacted] talked to [redacted] as soon as they reached [redacted] and took him with them on their rounds to question witnesses. Quite naturally the Negroes would not 'talk' in front of [redacted] who had already killed at least one Negro and run several others out of town."

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Although this criticism occurred more than five years ago, it was not called to our attention and we did not learn of it until yesterday. I have been informed that Mr. Marshall repeated these charges before the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

The charges are not true. As a matter of fact,

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when [redacted] investigation started the Special Agent in [redacted] instructed that two Agents should be present throughout [redacted] investigation and [redacted] was not interviewed until [redacted] concluding days of the investigation. I realize, of [redacted] how easy it is to secure misinformation. It would have been a very simple matter, however, to have checked the information at that time had it been called to our attention. While I appreciate the fact that this incident occurred a long time ago, nevertheless, it is another instance of Mr. Marshall's lack of cooperation with the FBI. I frankly do not know what else we can do. I have asked you time and again to please call to my attention anything that comes to the attention of your organization involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I do wish there were some way that some procedure could be worked out whereby your organization, which in the last analysis stands for the things we stand for, could have a better working relationship with us.

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It seems to me that in your organization there is a tendency all too often to level charges without giving the FBI an opportunity to check into the matter. Certainly there is no justice to such a procedure and such procedures do not represent fair play. I have refrained, as you know, from publicly entering into any controversy with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since I have felt that to do so would merely be to add fuel to the flames, but I am frank to say that I do not think it is fair for the FBI to be the victim of unfounded charges and continue to ask for a bill of particulars and then not even be afforded the decency of being furnished that bill of particulars. I know, of course, your feelings on the matter and I am sure if your feelings and the principles for which you stand could but be injected into the hearts and minds of those who are associates in your organization that it could be a much more potent influence for good.

As I have indicated in the very beginning of this letter, I regret the necessity of having to write it, but under the circumstances I had no other choice. Even at this late date if Mr. Marshall has any factual basis for his charges I would welcome having the facts he has in his possession in order that we might make additional inquiries into the matter.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Date: September 26, 1947

To: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

T.V.Q. From: T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division.

Subject: Investigation of [redacted] (b)(7)(c) 9/22 - Wash., D.C.
and Brookland-Dahlgren Terrace Protective Association
c/o NAACP

Reference is made to your recent memorandum to the Criminal Division in the above-entitled matter.

You are advised that from the information presently available it does not appear that further investigation is warranted.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Mobile

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DATE: Oct. 13, 1947

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORED PEOPLE
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Unless advised to the contrary, this office will open a dead file entitled "Communist Infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People" into which will be placed such material as we now have on hand concerning the NAACP and such material as may in the future come to the attention of this office in this regard. At such future date as specific information becomes available indicating Communist activity in this connection in the Mobile Territory, this file will be placed in an active status.

It is my recollection that the Bureau has in the past issued various instructions to the Field in connection with investigation of the NAACP, and it is requested that copies of any Bureau Bulletins and SAC letters containing such instructions, as well as a summary memorandum giving brief background information concerning Communist activities in the NAACP, be forwarded this office.

It is also requested that the Birmingham and Miami Offices forward to this office copies of pertinent serials they may have relating to NAACP activities in the Mobile Territory.

cc: Birmingham
Miami

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SAC, Mobile

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE

Reurlet 10-13-47.

The Bureau has no objection to your office opening a dead file in the above-captioned matter.

There have been no specific instructions in the form of SAC letters or Bureau bulletins in connection with the investigation of the NAACP nor has there been prepared a summary memorandum giving brief background information concerning Communist activities in the organization.

For your information, however, the NAACP was organized in February, 1909, and was incorporated in May, 1911, under the laws of the State of New York. National headquarters of the organization are located at 20 West 40th Street, New York City. The organization's official organ is "The Crisis." The NAACP aims to secure full citizenship rights for the negro by legal and other organized ethical methods and frequently by vigorous protestations of alleged discriminations. No active investigation is being conducted in connection with the activities of the NAACP; however, many offices in following activity of the Communist Party in their divisions have reported on the Communist infiltration and attempted influence of local chapters of the NAACP. There is no information available indicating that the national office is under Communist control; however, there are indications that some of the local chapters have been infiltrated by the Communist element with certain of the chapters being under the direct influence of the Communist element.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 13th addressed to Mr. Walter White.

Mr. White is away from the city at the present time. He telephoned me this morning, however, and I read your letter to him. He asked me to tell you that he is referring the letter to Mr. Marshall for reply.

He also asked me to say that he thinks it would be an excellent idea if upon some appropriate occasion Mr. Marshall and he sat down and talked with you about the FBI.

Sincerely yours
Edna M. Wasem
Secretary to Mr. White

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SAC, Pittsburgh

October 21, 1947

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
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There is submitted herewith a photostatic copy of a memorandum dated September 25, 1947, concerning the captioned organization.

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This memorandum was furnished to the Bureau by an unknown outside source and, if the information contained therein is utilized, it would be appropriately paraphrased.

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CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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You will recall that the advance copy of the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights was critical of the Bureau in one instance where it was alleged that the Agent took a Sheriff who was the subject of the case being investigated along with him to interview Negro witnesses. It was learned that this reference was in connection with the captioned case.

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Background of Case

Investigation was instigated in June, 1940 by the Memphis Office at the request of the United States Attorney's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, which furnished information alleging that several Negroes had been forced to leave [redacted] Tennessee and that one Negro had been killed. A partial investigation was conducted and the facts were referred to the Department, and on July 1[illegible] 1940 the Department requested further investigation concerning complaints which had been received indicating that two Negroes [redacted] and Elbert Williams, had been intimidated in an effort to prevent them from voting in the 1940 Presidential election.

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The subsequent investigation reflected that approximately one year previous an active chapter of the NAACP had been organized at [redacted] with [redacted]. The other victims in this case were also associated with the NAACP. On June 20, 1940, Elbert Williams was taken from his home at [redacted] by a uniformed officer. [redacted] and along with another colored individual named [redacted] was taken to Police Headquarters and questioned concerning the NAACP. [redacted] was released, while Williams remained in jail. On July 23, 1940, Williams' body was found floating in a river near [redacted]. Investigation disclosed that Williams had also been released on July 21, 1940. Investigation failed to indicate how he met his death.

[redacted] advised that he was threatened by several individuals concerning his activity in attempting to register to vote. Due to the strong feeling and his fear of those opposed to the Negroes voting, he left [redacted] on June 15, 1940.

A Negro named [redacted] stated that on the 17th of June, 1940, [redacted] and a gang of white men took him at night from his home to a [redacted] near [redacted] and stated they would spare his life if he answered questions about [redacted] and then left town never to return. Other Negroes who left town during this same period allegedly because of the racial tension.

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cc: NAACP file

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November, 1940, the United States Attorney at Memphis stated that in his opinion sufficient investigation had been conducted and that he [illegible] request the opinion of the Department as to whether a Federal Statute [illegible] violated. In March, 1941, the Department requested certain additional [illegible] gation. In October, 1941, the United States Attorney advised he would [illegible] his opinion until after a conference with the Department. A summary [illegible] was prepared. In April, 1942, the United States Attorney advised that the Department authorized him on January 23, 1942 to close his case.

Criticism by NAACP

You will recall that the incidents cited by the President's Committee was found in the Department's files in the form of a letter dated January 30, 1942 from Thurgood Marshall to Mr. Wendell Berge castigating the Department for failure to prosecute. In this letter Marshall charged that our Agents interviewed [redacted] as soon as they reached [redacted] and took him along when they questioned witnesses.

Facts

The file shows that [redacted] was interviewed at the end of the investigation and there is no indication that [redacted] accompanied the Agents on any other interviews. Mr. Wichels has called [illegible] Agents who conducted the bulk of the investigation and they denied taking [redacted] with them. Mr. H. B. Fletcher was SAC at the time and likewise is certain that the Agents did not take [redacted] with them.

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The true facts concerning this criticism have been furnished to the President's Committee in a memorandum previously. The Attorney General has also been advised of the true facts in this regard and it has been called to his attention that it would be desirable to take immediate steps concerning such charges when they are made. The inaccuracy of this charge and the fact that it was made in 1942 without the Bureau's knowledge was vigorously brought to the attention of Mr. Walter White by letter dated September 13, 1947. The file copy of this letter is attached.

Under date of September 24, 1947, Thurgood Marshall replied to our letter of September 13. He brings out a new criticism. Marshall states that he was advised by the Criminal Division that the Bureau could not locate two Negro witnesses and that he told the Department that the reason they could not be found was because the investigating officers were not Negroes. He states that he went to [redacted] and Chicago and located [redacted] He enclosed a confidential memorandum reflecting [illegible] this regard and points out that [redacted] and had been there all the time. Regarding [redacted] he states his name was really [redacted] and that he found him easily in Chicago.

[redacted] was first mentioned in the investigation when [redacted] was taken to a river bank and frightened into leaving town, stated [redacted] was also in custody of the mob at the same time. This appears in a report dated August 18, 1940. The same report states that attempts were made to locate [redacted] and that it was ascertained that he had gone to Chicago, Illinois. It [redacted] A lead was set out to interview this aunt in this report. This same lead was marked with an asterisk in a report from the Memphis Office dated September 30, 1940. It does not appear that this lead was covered.

In a report from the Memphis Office dated November 28, 1940, it was pointed out that additional inquiry was being held in abeyance pending the decision of the United States Attorney in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as that of the Department. On December 30, 1940, the Department advised the Bureau that pending a decision on the merits of this case, no further investigation need be made.

On March 31, 1941, the Department by memorandum requested United States Attorney William McClanahan, Memphis, Tennessee, be contacted to ascertain what further investigation his office desired. In addition, it requested that the [redacted] be interviewed concerning the events in this case as they related to him. In addition, it requested that the names of some of the persons who were allegedly outside the city jail at the time the victim, [redacted] was released on the morning of June 2, 1940, be obtained. It added that if such persons could be located they should be questioned closely concerning the events which transpired then and later that night.

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By report dated June 20, 1941, the Memphis Office pointed out that the United States Attorney desired no further investigation other than that set out in the Department's memorandum, just referred to.

On September 9, 1941, a report from the Philadelphia Office set forth the results of the interview with [redacted] With reference to the [redacted] said that [redacted] had taken him to witness [redacted]

In a report dated October 16, 1941, from the Memphis Office, it was stated that repeated efforts were made to contact [redacted] with negative results. It added that at the suggestion of the United States Attorney further efforts to locate and interview [redacted] concerning his transportation of [redacted] to [redacted] on the night prior to his departure from [redacted] were be [redacted] in abeyance.

It should be pointed out that at no time did either the Department, the United States Attorney, nor anyone else request the Bureau to interview [redacted] and [redacted] Both of these individuals could have been located easily and would have been located had not the Department declined prosecution when it did as set forth in the report dated April 21, 1942.

It is noted that the confidential report of Mr. Marshall's investigation, which he encloses with his letter, both of which are attached, states, "The reason the FBI Agents could not rather more information from Negroes was because they traveled around wit[redacted] hom the Negroes knew to be the leader of the mob". This does not appear to necessarily mean that [redacted] accompanied the Agents during the interviews conducted in this investigation.

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October 9, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On September 24th, I wrote you concerning your recent letter to Mr. White. I would appreciate it very much if at some time, at your convenience, you would give me an appointment to discuss the matters set out in both your letter to Mr. White of September 13th and my letter to you.

Very truly yours,

Thurgood Marshall

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Special Counsel

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Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, Inc.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 9, 1947, and I will be most happy to see you at 10:30 a.m. next Wednesday, October 22, if this is convenient with you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, INTERNAL SECURITY. PEOPLES VOICE, NEGRO COMMUNIST DOMINATED NEWSPAPER, ISSUE OCT. EIGHTEENTH FORTYSEVEN, PAGE FIVE, INDICATES SUBJECT ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO PRESENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND TO ALL FIFTYSEVEN MEMBER NATIONS A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT REGARDING THE NEGRO PROBLEM IN THE U. S. THE DOCUMENT WILL PERTAIN TO DENIAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS TO NEGROES, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. NEGOTIATIONS ARE SAID TO BE TAKING PLACE AS TO ACTUAL DATE OF SUBMISSION OF NAACP BRIEF, WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS, THE AUTHORS OF WHICH ARE DR. W. E. DU BOIS, NAACP RESEARCH DIRECTOR, EARL B. DICKERSON, CHICAGO ATTY, DR. RAYFORD W. LOGAN, PROF. HOWARD U., ROBERT W. WING, NAACP NATIONAL LEGAL COMMITTEE AND INSTRUCTOR U. OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL AND MILTON KONVITZ, CIVIL RIGHTS AUTHORITY. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL INFO RECD.

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cc: Mr. Ladd

(CONFIDENTIAL, BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

Date: October 23, 1947

To: [redacted] (b)(7)(c)
Chief
Division of Foreign Activity Correlation
Room 301, State Department
515 22nd Street, N. W.
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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

61-3176-412

Subject: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, on October 19, 1947, carried an article by Benjamin J. Davis of the National Committee of the Communist Party concerning a document prepared by the captioned organization which was submitted to the United Nations indicting the national system of oppression against the Negro people of the United States. In Davis' article he refers to the first action of this nature by recalling the petition prepared for the UN by the National Negro Congress in May of 1946. Davis referred to the National Negro Congress petition by stating that the petition called attention to the fact that racial discrimination in the United States constituted a violation of the UN charter. He referred to the "great free press" of the United States which failed to carry any significant remarks concerning the petition for the following two primary reasons: First, "It was a damning exposure of the reactionary bi-partisan foreign policy of the Truman Administration through which, under the guise of 'fighting Communism,' Wall Street imperialism seeks to stifle democracy and dominate the world. Ninety-nine percent of the monopoly newspapers support the pro-fascist Truman Doctrine and the insidious Marshall Plan, and naturally do not wish to publish material which embarrasses these policies. Nothing shows the contemptible hypocrisy of the Truman Administration's foreign policy so much as the status of the Negro people at home." Secondly, "The NNC convention spoke for the left and advanced labor forces among the Negro people, whom reaction tries to isolate and divide from other sections of the Negro communities either by red-baiting or by silence."

In referring to the petition prepared by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People the article stated that the petition was entitled "An Appeal for Redress". The petition consists of some one hundred fifty pages of material prepared by a corps of assistants under the direction of Dr. [illegible], who was identified as the Research Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In addition to Dr. [illegible], the authors are said to include Earl B. Dickerson, a Chicago attorney; Dr. Rayford W. Logan, a professor at Howard University; Robert L. King, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's National Legal

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Committee [illegible] an instructor at the University of Chicago Law School. According to the article, Dr. DuBois said in the petition's statement: "Discrimination against Negroes is not simply against poverty and ignorance, but against Negroes in spite of wealth, training and character . . ." This same statement [illegible] "the rotten borough system of disfranchised voters" because it prevented the replacement of "either major party by a third party." The statement also declared that it was not the Soviet Union that threatened the United States, but rather Mississippi and "not Stalin and Molotov, but Bilbo and Rankin." Davis, in his article, refers to the submission of this document to the UN as being of "national and world significance." He congratulates the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People upon this action and states that it should get the widest support from all trends among the Negro people.

The People's Voice, a New York Communist influenced newspaper, on October 18, 1947, carried an article concerning this document which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is referring to the United Nations regarding the Negro problem in the United States. According to this article, the document will pertain to the denial of civil rights to Negroes, political, economic and racial discrimination.

The afore-mentioned data have been submitted to you for your information.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(b)(1) [redacted] DANIEL E. BYRD, Executive Secretary, NAACP, New Orleans, has stated organization now in financial crisis due to failure of its 1947 membership campaign.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] New Orleans, La., dated 7-7-47.

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The New Orleans Informer Sentinel, negro publication, in its issue dated September 20, 1947, under the heading "Lack of Members Threatens to Curtail NAACP Activities", it is related that DANIEL E. BIRD, Executive Secretary of the organization, has advised that the New Orleans branch, NAACP, is in the midst of a financial crisis inasmuch as the 1947 membership campaign met with financial disaster.

The Louisiana Weekly, negro publication, in its issue of September 20, 1947, related that the New Orleans NAACP is seeking membership to meet the deficit of the 1947 membership campaign. It pointed out that the NAACP was launching a drive for new members.

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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE:

At New Orleans, Louisiana, will continue to follow and report the Communist infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Louisiana and the Southern District of Mississippi.

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November 7, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Dear Sir:

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This exhibit is being furnished to you for your information. The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York office.

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Very truly yours,

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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The following information has been received which indicates that the Communist Party is actively engaged in infiltrating this organization in line with the recent Communist Party decisions.

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United States Department of Justice

Detroit, Michigan
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Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Re my teletype dated December 4, 1947.

On the night of November 26, 1947, JOHN E. BOACH, Prosecutor of Genesee County, Flint, Michigan, volunteered information to Special Agent [redacted] Resident Agent at Flint, Michigan, that on November 26, 1947, [redacted] all colored, and [redacted] all white, appeared before him and demanded a warrant against [redacted] the Flint Roller Drome for "class discrimination" for the alleged exclusion of mixed parties from the Roller Drome. They claimed to represent the Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The prosecutor declined to issue a warrant at that time but issued an order for investigation of the charges by the Flint, Michigan, Police Department, the complaint being made in the name of [redacted]

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BOACH advised that these individuals had been very belligerent in their attitude and had criticized him severely for not issuing a warrant immediately.

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Letter to the Director
December 4 - 1947

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Prosecutor ROACH advised that the handbills had been intended for distribution at a Thanksgiving Day football game between the teams of the two principal high schools at Flint at which a large crowd is always in attendance, and that he feared that if the handbills were distributed, violence might result.

He advised that ELISHA SCOTT, President of the NAACP, had endeavored to secure an injunction against the insurgent group to prevent them from distributing the handbills and that in a discussion held in the Chambers of Circuit Court Judge ELLIOTT, the BAXTER group was represented by a young Attorney [redacted] who recently associated himself with Attorney [redacted] Flint. No injunction was issued but Judge ELLIOTT recommended against the passing of the handbills and late on the night of November 26, Attorney [redacted] advised the prosecutor that the handbills would not be distributed.

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Special Agent [redacted] advised Prosecutor ROACH that no investigation of the circumstances outlined would be undertaken by the Bureau but expressed interest in receiving information of any developments in his investigation which might indicate danger or potential danger to the internal security of the United States.

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December 4 - 1947

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
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It was made clear to the [redacted] that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not participate in an investigation but that any information which they might develop reflecting danger or potential danger of the internal security of the United States would be of interest.

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The files of the Detroit Division reflect that [redacted]

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The Detroit News of December 3 carried the following item under the heading, FBI Joins Inquiry of Negro Dissension, and with a Flint date line of December 3:

"Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation are checking on the activities of a newly arrived group of socialists said to have caused a split in Flint chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"Prosecutor John L. Roach and the NAACP asked for the inquiry. An NAACP spokesman said the group had won domination of the Flint chapter's youth council, with the result the council was sponsoring activities which the senior NAACP was unwilling to support.

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Letter to the Director
December 4 - 1947

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
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"One report was that the newcomers had Communistic backing, but a spokesman for the socialist group said its activities were 'purely in the interest of better understanding between the races.'"

The reference to Federal Bureau of Investigation participation in the investigation mentioned is entirely without foundation. This office has not participated and does not intend to participate in the investigation mentioned.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor

H. T. O'Connor
Special Agent in Charge

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS-C. THE DETROIT NEWS 3RD INSTANT CARRIED ITEM CAPTIONED QUOTE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JOINS INQUIRY OF NEGRO DISSENSION UNQUOTE DATELINED FLINT, MICHIGAN, STATES THAT POLICE AND F.B.I. CHECKING ACTIVITIES OF NEWLY ARRIVED GROUP OF SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS SAID TO HAVE CAUSED SPLIT IN FLINT CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. ARTICLE STATES THAT INQUIRIES REQUESTED BY PROSECUTOR ROACH AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AND THAT NAACP SPOKESMAN SAID THE GROUP HAD WON DOMINATION OF THE FLINT CHAPTER YOUTH COUNCIL AND WAS SPONSORING ACTIVITIES NOT SUPPORTED BY SENIOR NAACP. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THIS OFFICE. REFERENCE TO BUREAU PARTICIPATION UNFOUNDED. A MIXED INSURGENT GROUP FROM FLINT NAACP, INCLUDING SOME KNOWN COMMUNISTS, DEMANDED WARRANT PROSECUTOR NOVEMBER 26 AGAINST SKATING RINK FOR ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION. PROSECUTOR ISSUED ORDER FOR INVESTIGATION OF CHARGE WHICH IS BEING MADE BY FLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT. GROUP HAD PLANNED DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS THANKSGIVING. PROSECUTOR ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] OF ABOVE FACT ANTICIPATING POSSIBLE VIOLENCE. SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] ADVISED ROACH NO INVESTIGATION WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, BUT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATION OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS INVESTIGATION INDICATING DANGER OR POTENTIAL DANGER TO INTERNAL SECURITY OF UNITED STATES. AMSD LETTER FOLLOWS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 1[illegible], 1947

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet 10-13-47.

No reports have been submitted by the Birmingham Office reflecting any investigation of the captioned organization, however, the following newspaper clippings and memos reflecting past activity in the Mobile Division are being forwarded herewith to the Mobile Office:

Clipping from Mobile Register, 10-28-41.

Memo SA [redacted] 5-19-43.

Clipping from Mobile Register, 4-19-44. (b)(7)(C)

Clipping from Mobile Register, 7-13-44.

Memo SA [redacted] 8-3-44.

Clipping from Mobile Press, 9-12-44.

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December 17, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me under date of December 11, 1947, by Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. I am also attaching hereto a copy of my acknowledgment of Mr. Marshall's letter which I believe is self-explanatory.

The Bureau will take no further action in this matter in the absence of some request from you.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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COPY: EMC

TO : MR. TAMM

DATE: December 17, 1947

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

I called SAC McConnell of the Dallas Office this afternoon and advised him of the inquiry from the NAACP and asked him whether he had had any press inquiries concerning the Civil Rights Congress at Texas, plans of that organization or any other groups referred to in the Attorney General's subversive list.

Mr. McConnell stated that he had not received any press inquiry and that he had not given any information to the press whatsoever concerning this matter.

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TO : MR. TALM

DATE: December 16, 1947

FROM : [redacted] M. Lado

SUBJECT: [redacted] CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

I telephonically contacted ASAC Carl B. Sherman of the Houston Office and inquired of him whether the Houston Office had had any press inquiries or had made any statements to the press with reference to the Civil Rights Congress and its local chapter in Houston. Mr. Sherman stated that the office had had no inquiries from the press and had made no statements.

I asked him to have a very discreet check made as to the present address of the Civil Rights Congress in Houston and I also requested him to check the field office file to determine whether there was contained therein any letterheads, circulars or other similar material from the Civil Rights Congress of Texas giving their Houston, Texas, address. I advised him of the background of this inquiry, namely that the NAACP had protested that the Civil Rights Congress had been listed in the press as being in Room 228, Pilgrim Building, Houston.

I instructed Mr. Sherman upon completing this check, which I stressed should be very discreet, to call the Bureau and furnish the results telephonically.

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TO : [redacted] D. M. Ladd DATE: December 16, 1947

FROM : [redacted] (b)(7)(c)

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
HOUSTON, TEXAS

[redacted]

At 6:05 p.m. today, SAC Willis of the Houston Office called with reference to your inquires concerning the Civil Rights Congress. He stated that the office has no information at present to the effect that the Civil Rights Congress maintains an office in Houston, Texas, other than is indicated hereafter.

(b)(7)E With reference to proof as to the address of the Civil Rights Congress, he stated that [redacted] A check at the Post Office reflects that Post Office Box 1906 was rented July 1, 1946. The application was signed by [redacted] who gave as her business address: Civil Rights Congress, 228 Pilgrim Building, Houston, Texas: street address: [redacted] On the letter-head, she is listed as the temporary [redacted]

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(b)(7)(D) [redacted] Agents have made a check at the Pilgrim Building and find that Room 228 carries the name of the NAACP. The City Directory reflects that the NAACP has the address of 228 Pilgrim Building. Both the telephone and city directories of Houston, Texas are negative for any present address of the Civil Rights Congress and it is believed that it does not have any present office in Houston.

Mr. Willis stated that he had received no press inquiries concerning this matter, had made no press release and that he would not make any release.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Commenting on the list issued by Attorney General Clark on last Thursday of certain organizations, David Botter, of the Washington Bureau of THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, listed the "Civil Rights Congress", an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, as having headquarters in Houston, Texas, in Room 228 of the Pilgrim Building, located at 222 W. Dallas Street.

I do not know whether or not your records carry this address as that for the Civil Rights Congress for Texas, but at any rate, I would like to keep the record straight. The Houston Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is located at Room 228 of the Pilgrim Building and has been located there for quite some time. The Civil Rights Congress for Texas has never had offices in that building and I have received the following report from our Houston Branch: "Neither at this time nor at any other time has this office been the office of the Civil Rights Congress. It is true that they did hold about three meetings here in the office about a year ago."

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I would appreciate very much if you would have the records in the F. B. I. checked and if this group is listed as being in our office in the Pilgrim Building that it be changed so that there may be no misunderstanding.

Sincerely yours,

Thurgood Marshall

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January 2, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of recent date in reply to our letter concerning the listing of the Civil Rights Congress of Texas as having offices at the same place as the branch office of our Association in Houston.

We appreciate your careful attention to this, and I am happy to know that the listing does not appear in your files. I was reasonably certain that the inaccurate listing had not come from your office but referred the matter to you out of an abundance of caution in case there had been a mistake, and there was no intention at all on my part to even infer that the error was made by your office.

Thanks so much for your cooperation in the matter. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall
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Dear Mr. Marshall:

I appreciate your courtesy in writing to me concerning the quotation in a Dallas newspaper that the "Civil Rights Congress", an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, was listed as having headquarters in the room and at the address occupied by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Houston. I desire to assure you, first, that the FBI did not furnish this address or any other information whatsoever concerning the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations to the press. Not only has the Bureau not furnished any information to the press concerning any of the organizations on this list from its Washington headquarters, but I have verified by telephone from my Houston and Dallas Offices that the Bureau representatives there have not furnished any information to the press about the Civil Rights Congress or any other organization.

For your information, the preparation of the list of organizations declared subversive by the Attorney General was handled entirely outside of the FBI and under the direction of the Attorney General. The Bureau did not participate in any discussions or conferences upon the preparation of this list and did not know the identity of the organizations to be declared subversive until after the Attorney General had furnished his list to the Loyalty Review Board. The handling of this list is in keeping with the long-established Departmental policy of confining the operations of this Bureau solely to investigative work.

In the belief that your letter may be of interest to the Attorney General, I am taking the liberty of furnishing to him today a copy of it, together with a copy of my letter to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January [illegible] 1948

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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This is to advise that the Salt Lake City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has now as officers the following people:

ABNER L. HOWELL - President
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Any further developments regarding the Salt Lake City Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be made known to the Bureau as they occur.

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FILE NO. 100-1[redacted]

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION	(b)(7)(c) INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Election of NAACP officers for 1948 held 11/10/47 at New Orleans. Informant reports no Communist Party member elected for new NAACP offices. [redacted] GRACE PILLIAN, continues active in NAACP, as chairman of the NAACP's Consumer League, dedicated to fighting consumer discrimination. DANIEL E. BYRD, Executive Secretary, NAACP, effective 1/15/48, reported to be employed on NAACP national staff. New branch of NAACP established in Marrero, Louisiana, November, 1947.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] New Orleans, dated 11/7/47.
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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

In an article dated November 15, 1947 the "New Orleans Informer", Negro newspaper, reflected that the 1948 officials for the NAACP had been elected November 10, 1947. In an article dated November 22, 1947 appearing in the "Louisiana Weekly", New Orleans Negro newspaper under the heading "DELAHOUSSAYE Elected Local NAACP Head", the 1948 officers for the organization are set out as follows:

ROBERT DELAHOUSSAYE, President
PAUL LANDIX, Vice President
Wilfred AUBERT, Secretary
JOSEPH W. NELSON, Treasurer

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There also were set out the names of the members elected on the board of directors of the NAACP.

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The "Louisiana Weekly", Negro newspaper, in an article dated December 13, 1947 under the heading "Consumers League Fight Against Bias Gains Momentum", reflected that Mrs. GRACE TILLMAN was a committee chairman for the Consumer League in New Orleans of the NAACP. It was stated that the purpose of the League was to fight against discrimination produced by some of the large New Orleans department stores. It was pointed out that these stores had refused to allow Negroes to try on certain garments.

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(b)(7)(c) [redacted]

The "New Orleans Informer", Negro newspaper, in an article dated November 1, 1947 entitled "NAACP Tells Justice Dept. Several Parishes Plan to Hold Lily-White Primaries", reflected that Executive Secretary DANIEL E. BYRD, of the NAACP, had informed the Justice Department that the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana had sought to avoid investigating the proposed resolutions by the Caddo and Iberville Parish Democratic Committees to hold lily-white primary elections.

This same newspaper article dated January 3, 1948 reported that DANIEL E. BYRD, Executive Secretary of the New Orleans Branch, NAACP, will join staff of National Office of NAACP on January 15, 1948 as an Assistant FieldSecretary.

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The "Louisiana Weekly", Negro newspaper, in an article dated November 8, 1947 under the title "HARRERO NAACP BRANCH OPENS" advised that a branch of the NAACP in Harrero, La. had been established at 416 Robertson Avenue, Harrero, Louisiana, headed by ROBERT LANE, as President.

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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

At New Orleans, La., will continue to follow and report the Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Louisiana and the Southern District of Mississippi.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: February [illegible], 1948

FROM : T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General TVQ: AAR:[illegible]
144-[illegible]

SUBJECT: Envelope of [redacted] addressed [redacted]

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Attached is an envelope of [redacted] of January 21, 1948, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 West 40th Street, New York, New York.

The mailing of this envelope does not constitute a violation of any of the Federal criminal laws. Accordingly, we are not asking for investigation herein. However, this matter is being brought to your attention with the thought that you may wish to make note thereof in your files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2-14-48

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/8/82 BY

For the information of the Bureau and the Richmond Office, certain individuals who are known members of the Communist Party, according to reliable information furnished this office by confidential informants, and who are also presently members of the Progressive Citizens of America (PCA), have been endeavoring to use the captioned organization as a means toward their ends. They have announced that there would be a NAACP and PCA meeting in New Haven for the New Haven Chapter of the captioned organization on the evening of Friday, 2-13-48. This announcement was made through maneuvers arranged by the aforementioned Communists.

Once the New Haven Chapter of the NAACP became aware of this they issued the following newspaper release which appeared in the 2-13-48 issue of the New Haven Journal Courier, which is a morning paper:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New Haven Connecticut Branch, released the following statement on its policies last night:

"The New Haven, Connecticut Branch of the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People in line with the policies set forth in the directives from the National Office, and carried out by all Branches of the Association, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People endorse no political creed or ideologies; that the New Haven Branch is not now or ever has been affiliated with any political group or organization; that the policy of the New Haven Branch, as all other National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Branches everywhere, is non-political, non-sectarian, and absolutely non-partisan, and that the cards sent out by the New Haven Chapter, PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA, making it appear that the New Haven Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was affiliated with that organization, were unauthorized, and that this Branch condemns the methods used to make it appear.

"The New Haven Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hereby assures its many members and well-wishers that the policy of the organization in the future, as in the past, will be such that we shall guard the good reputation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that our work and program may go forward."

[redacted] (b)(7)(c)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
100 Milk Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts.

February 25, 1948.

Director
FBI

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PERSONS.

Dear Sir:

I am submitting the following for the information of the Bureau:

On February 25, 1948 [redacted] of the National Association of Colored Persons, whose home address is [redacted] Massachusetts, called at this office with [redacted] of the NAACP. [redacted]

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These people were interviewed by SA [redacted] and they advised that on Sunday, February 22, 1948, in the late afternoon, [redacted] received the following Western Union telegram:

"Please acknowledge and endorse meeting and information press release today. Very important. Have called but must return New York, family illness. Winchell broadcast data tonight. Letter and enclosures follow. State special Boston meeting was 'overwhelming', (A) Paul Robeson for Vice President, Wallace ticket, Senator Pepper second choice. Please confirm and endorse the 'Historical get-the-negro-north plan' formulated at meeting. Highly expedient. Will telephone around eleven and visit Boston Tuesday. Reserve full public comment but insist 'fifty thousand can be used in Boston'".

Signed - WALTER WHITE.

[redacted] stated that since it is the policy of the NAACP not to endorse political candidates, she was surprised to receive this telegram and called Walter White who is National Chairman of the NAACP, at his New York address. She was advised there that Walter White was in Indianapolis on business. Later she was able to talk to Walter White who said he had never sent the telegram and had not been in Boston and knew nothing about it.

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[redacted] advised that the telegram had been sent from the North Station Terminal Western Union Office at Boston, Mass. She received in the mail a letter dated Boston, February 22, 1948, postmarked from Station 6, stating the return address to be Walter White, 20 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

Enclosed in this envelope were copies of telegrams sent to the Associated Press at New York; Honorable Fielding L. Wright, Governor of Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi; Honorable James E. Folsom, Governor of Alabama, at Montgomery, Alabama, and Walter Winchell care of the Stork Club, New York, New York. These were copies of telegrams apparently sent to the above and all containing the following message:

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> "In special Sunday meeting Paul Robeson voted Vice President on Wallace ticket. Senator Pepper second choice. Historical "Get-the-Negro-North" plan formulated. Fifty thousand needed in Boston. Southern Governors apprised."
>
> Signed - [redacted]

In the copy directed to Associated Press there was a last line stating "Please hold until Winchell broadcast".

[redacted] stated that she had received a telephone call from the Associated Press for a statement on this point, after she had received the telegram.

On the telegram to Walter Winchell the last line read - "Exclusive until broadcast time".

It was noted that [redacted] and has no connection whatsoever with the NAACP.

[redacted] stated that they were reporting this matter to the FBI at the instruction of Mr. Walter White, and Attorney John T. Lane of Boston. They made inquiry at the North Station Office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and were advised that a white, short, stocky, gray-haired man wearing tortoise shell eyeglasses had sent the telegram to [redacted]. The Western Union Co. is determining whether the others were actually sent, and if so, through what offices.

Director

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PERSONS.

No action is being taken on this matter here.

Very truly yours

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E. A. SOUCY
SAC

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Office Memorandum — UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: [illegible] MADD

October 31, 1947

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

In accordance with your request, there is attached hereto a letter from the Detroit Field Division dated July 16, 1947, entitled "National Negro Congress, Internal Security - C," which was used as a basis for the preparation of the letter to all Special Agents in Charge.

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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division
Director, FBI

February 24, 1948

Anonymous Post Cards Allegedly From Negro League, Chattanooga, Tennessee, or NAACP
[redacted]
(b)(6)(c)
SPECIAL ADDITION

There are attached herewith photostatic copies of a letter dated February 6, 1948, from [redacted] to Mr. Walter White, Secretary of the NAACP, New York, New York. Mr. White states that [redacted] is a highly reputable white lawyer and he requests this Bureau to investigate the sending of the post cards mentioned, on the theory that they appear to be part of a campaign to stir up racial friction. Copies of my acknowledgment to Mr. White are attached. (b)(6)(c)

I shall appreciate it if you will advise me whether any action is desired concerning the allegations made by [redacted] and if so, the statutes which may be involved.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February [redacted] 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. [redacted] (b)(7)(c)

Reference is made to my telephone conversations of February 26th with [redacted] of the Bureau, and of February 27th with [redacted] of the Bureau, relative to an inquiry which I had received from Mr. Walter White, Secretary of the NAACP, as to whether an investigation could be conducted by the FBI concerning some fake telegrams which had been sent in the name of the NAACP. For the completion of the Bureau's files there are enclosed copies of the correspondence I received from Mr. White, consisting of a letter directed to me by him under date of February 25th, together with a copy of a letter sent by Mr. White to Paul Robeson, dated February 25th, and copy of telegram sent to Walter White falsely bearing the signature of [redacted] dated February 22, and another telegram falsely signed [redacted] also dated February 22nd, which was directed to Walter Winchell, the Associated Press, and to Governors Folsom of Alabama and Wright of Mississippi.

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In accordance with [redacted] instructions, I telephoned Mr. White on February 27th and informed him that the Criminal Division of the Department had advised that a careful review of the material furnished by him failed to reflect any violation of Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. Mr. White appeared to be quite satisfied with this explanation.

I also telephonically advised the Boston office of the Department's ruling in this matter.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
20 WEST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

February 25, 1948

Dear Ed:

I want you to see the enclosed copy of a letter I have written Paul Robeson with enclosures concerning a most fantastic experience we have just had caused by either some crook or crackpot.

Is there any way in which the FBI can find out who this person is who uses the mails and telegraph to do a thing like this?

Ever sincerely,

Walter
Secretary

Mr. Edward Scheidt
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Court House
Foley Square
New York City

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20 WEST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
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OFFICE COPY

25th
February
1948

Dear Paul:

In order that you may be advised of the facts, I want you to see the enclosed copies of telegrams in one of the most fantastic episodes I have ever been mixed up in.

I spoke in Indianapolis last Sunday at our Mid-west Regional Conference. On returning to New York Monday, I received a telegram sent from Boston at 8:05 PM Sunday night presumably signed by

I put in a long distance call for to find that she had received a telegram bearing my signature sent from 20 East 40th Street instead of 20 West 40th Street asking that she arrange a meeting in Boston for March 5th at which you, Henry Wallace and Claude Pepper would speak to promote your candidacy for the Vice-Presidency on the Wallace ticket. The telegram was sent from Boston. This morning I received in an envelope bearing return
Massachusetts" copies of telegrams sent to Walter Winchell, Governor Folsom, Governor Wright and Associated Press.

We don't know whether these telegrams were sent by a crackpot, an ever-enthusiastic Henry Wallace-Robeson supporter or by an enemy of yours or Mr. Wallace. Our Boston Branch has asked [illegible] to investigate and we are doing the same.

I am sending you this so that you may be forewarned in case the matter comes up. I am also sending copy to Walter Winchell and the Associated Press.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary

Mr. Paul Robeson
Enfield, Connecticut

FBI
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Secretary

WESTERN UNION

TO: Walter Winchell
Stork Club
New York City

Feb. 22, 1948

SPECIAL SUNDAY MEETING PAUL ROBESON VOTED VICE-PRESIDENT
WALLACE TICKET. SENATOR PEPPER SECOND CHOICE. THIS-
MORNING "OUT-THE-NEGRO-NORTH" PLAN FORMULATED. FIFTY
THOUSAND NEEDED IN BOSTON. SOUTHERN GOVERNORS APPRISED.
EXCLUSIVE UNTIL BROADCAST TIME.

Not Also To:
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Governor's Residence
Montgomery, Ala.

Associated Press - News Bureau
Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

Hon. Fielding L. Wright
Governor's Residence
Jackson, Miss.

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Feb. 22, 1949

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THE URGENT AND TIMELY RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT SPECIAL SUNDAY
MEETING. PLEASE COOPERATE ON PRESS INQUIRIES. LETTER AND
DOCUMENTS FOLLOW. MITCHELL BROADCASTS DATE TONIGHT.
ARRANGING LARGE BOSTON MEETING MARCH FIFTH. CAN YOU VISIT
BOSTON THIS WEEK-

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February 19, 1948

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing photostatic copy of a letter from a highly reputable white lawyer of [redacted] in which he [redacted] of the sending of post cards which appear to be part of a campaign to stir up racial friction.

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I am requesting that the FBI make an investigation of these efforts and take whatever action is possible to stop this campaign before it causes real trouble. It is manifest that the writer of these anonymous post cards is not too familiar with the NAACP in the suggestion that the NAACP be written at Birmingham, Alabama.

I know that [redacted] will be happy to cooperate with representatives of the FBI.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Secretary.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Walter White
409 Edgecomb Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. White:

I had a matter called to my attention that I think I should pass on for whatever it is worth.

A partially disabled woman in Macon placed a want ad. in the Georgia Market Bulletin in which she sought some man who needed a home to come live with her and take care of her. She received two messages on post card.. Neither of the cards was signed, of course. Here are the messages:

"The Negro League can furnish a family if you will treat them as your equals and not slaves. Mosco and N.A.A.C.P. and U. S. Supreme Court are aiding Negroes in U. S. A. We won the war and aim to color all white families in U.S.A."

"Are you a w. woman? Would you share your house with a colored man and his white wife? Would you marry a colored man? Negro? Or Chino-Jap? We aim to color the white race & become the world leading people. Write to the Negro League, P. O. Box 1816 Chatt., Tenn., or the N.A.A.C.P., B'ham, Ala."

Both of the cards were mailed in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Obviously this is the work of some person or persons who intends to use this method of stirring up prejudice. The cards were written in long hand, and photostatic copies are available.

It occurred to me that if this thing is [illegible] the guilty party could be found.

Copy to:

Negro League

February 24, 1948

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Mr. Walter White
Secretary
National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

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Dear Mr. White:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 17, 1948, and the enclosed photostatic copy of a letter from [redacted] relative to two anonymous post cards which have come to [redacted] attention.

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I want you to know that the information furnished by [redacted] has been referred to the Honorable T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. Mr. Quinn has been requested to advise me whether any investigation should be conducted.

(b)(7)(c)

Your courtesy in bringing this matter to my attention is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. A. H. Belmont
Mr. Clayton
Mr. Clavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted] A. Tamm

DATE: February 26, 1948

FROM : [redacted]

Call 10:35 A.M.

SUBJECT: FICTITIOUS TELEGRAMS SENT TO WALTER WHITE, SECRETARY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE

To advise that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has requested the New York Division of the Bureau to conduct an investigation in order to identify the individual or individuals who have sent telegrams reportedly signed by officials of the N.A.A.C.P., endorsing Paul Robeson for Vice-President on the Henry Wallace Third Party Presidential ticket. Additional fictitious wires sent in the name of the N.A.A.C.P. have reportedly been sent to Walter Winchell, Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama, Governor Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi, and the Associated Press News Bureau in New York City.

REQUEST BY N.A.A.C.P. OF NEW YORK DIVISION FOR INVESTIGATION

SAC Scheidt telephonically advised that he received this morning a letter dated February 25, 1948, addressed to him and signed by Walter White, secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. White's letter enclosed a copy of a communication which Walter White wrote to Paul Robeson and also copies of several telegrams dispatched fictitiously in the name of the N.A.A.C.P. White concluded by asking if the FBI in New York could assist in connection with this matter since apparently the U. S. mails and interstate telegram service had been used by the sender of the fictitious messages.

Letter From Walter White to Paul Robeson Dated February 25, 1948

Mr. Scheidt said that enclosed in the letter he received from Walter White was a copy of a letter dated February 25, 1948, which White dispatched to Paul Robeson at Enfield, Connecticut. This letter indicates that White is advising Robeson of a "fantastic episode." White indicates that he made a public speech at Indianapolis last Sunday. Upon returning to New York City he received a telegram which was sent from Boston at 8:05 P.M., Sunday night (February 22, 1948) and signed [redacted] White immediately called [redacted] and she indicated that neither she nor her husband had sent such a telegram to Walter White. [redacted] stated that she herself had received a telegram which was signed Walter White, 20 East 40th Street, New York City. This message, according to White, is also fictitious. White advised that his business address is actually 20 West 40th Street, New York City. In the telegram received by [redacted] she was asked to arrange a Boston meeting of the N.A.A.C.P. for March 5, 1948, when Paul Robeson, Henry Wallace, and Claude Pepper would speak in order to promote Robeson for Vice-President on the Henry Wallace ticket.

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White further advised Robeson that on February 25, 1948, he received a letter in an envelope marked [redacted]

cc - Mr. Ladd
Mr Nichols
[redacted] (b)(7)(c)

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Mr. E. A. T[redacted]

[redacted] Massachusetts, which contained copies of telegrams [redacted] had been sent to Walter Winchell, Governor Folsom of Alabama, Governor Wright of Mississippi, and the Associated Press News Bureau of New York City. These messages were signed [redacted] White advised Robeson that he did not know whether the telegrams and the letter were the work of a crackpot, or an enthusiastic Robeson supporter, or an outright enemy of Robeson's. White concluded his letter by stating that the Boston Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. was asking the FBI to investigate, and indicated that White would also ask the FBI in New York to do the same.

Telegrams dated February 22, 1948, signed [redacted]

(b)(7)(c) Enclosed in White's letter to SAC Scheidt are copies of four telegrams, all signed [redacted] Massachusetts. Identical telegrams were sent to the following individuals: (1) Walter Winchell, Stork Club, New York City; (2) James E. Folsom, Governor's Residence, Montgomery, Alabama; (3) Governor Fielding L. Wright, Governor's Residence, Jackson, Mississippi; and (4) Associated Press News Bureau, Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. The message states: "In special Sunday meeting Paul Robeson voted Vice-President on Wallace ticket. Senator Pepper second choice. Historical 'get-the-Negro-north' plan formulated. Fifty thousand needed in Boston. Southern Governors apprised. Exclusive until broadcast time."

Wire Received by Walter White Signed [redacted]

Also enclosed in the letter White sent to the New York Division was a copy of a telegram dated February 22, 1948, to Walter White, 409 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City, signed [redacted] This message reads: "Two urgent and timely resolutions passed at special Sunday meeting. Please cooperate on press inquiries. Letters and enclosure follow. Winchell broadcasts tonight. Arranging large Boston meeting March 5. Can you visit Boston this week?"

RECOMMENDATION OF SAC SCHEIDT

Mr. Scheidt stated that he has become personally acquainted with Walter White since serving as Special Agent in Charge in New York. He stated that the relationships between White and himself at the present time are "pleasant." Mr. Scheidt requested Bureau authority to telephonically contact Walter White and advise him that a review of the material submitted in his letter to the New York Division fails to reflect a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. Mr. White would be advised of the general provisions of the Federal Extortion Act and it would be explained that it is not applicable in this particular case. He would further be advised that as far as using the mails are concerned, such violations are handled by the Post Office Inspection Service and he would be referred to Inspector Graham of the Post Office Department in New York City.

Mr. Scheidt pointed out that in view of the extreme importance of this matter he hoped that the Bureau would issue appropriate instructions to him as soon as possible today in order that he might communicate with White.

Mr. E. A. Tamm

While awaiting Bureau clearance on the response that he should make to Mr. White's letter, Mr. Scheidt stated that he is telephonically contacting the Boston Division to determine whether they have actually received a request for any investigation in this matter from representatives of the N.A.A.C.P.

RECOMMENDATION

(1) That SAC Scheidt be instructed to telephonically reply to Walter White's letter along the lines indicated by Mr. Scheidt.

(2) That in view of the political and racial implications of this matter, a memorandum be forwarded to Mr. T. Vincent Quinn of the Criminal Division of the Department informing him of the situation and advising that no further action is contemplated by this Bureau. Mr. Scheidt will also be instructed to advise Walter White that Mr. T. Vincent Quinn of the Criminal Division of the Department has been advised of his complaint and that no further action is contemplated by this Bureau.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edw. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

February 26, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I think it would be well to orally take the attached complaint of Walter White of the NAACP up with Mr. Vincent Quinn or Mr. Peter Brown, his First Assistant, and let them determine that there is no violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction and thereafter advise Scheidt to inform Walter White that you referred the matter to the Criminal Division, who stated that there was no violation of a Federal Statute within our jurisdiction and that consequently we are without power or authority to take any action.

I think this takes the onus off of the Bureau for declining.

Respectfully,

Edw. A. Tamm

I agree
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Yes do so at once.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Tamm

DATE: February 27, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FICTITIOUS TELEGRAMS SENT TO WALTER WHITE, SECRETARY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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In accordance with your instructions, Inspector [redacted] talked to Mr. Peter Brown of the Criminal Division of the Department, who stated that he did not believe that the information indicated a violation of law within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. He further stated that that is all that should be told to Mr. White; that it was undesirable to advise Mr. White to contact any other investigative agency, such as Post Office Inspectors. (b)(7)(c)

This decision of Mr. Brown's was transmitted to SAC Scheidt of the New York Office at 11:45 a.m. today, and he will advise the Boston Office of this decision since they have also received a complaint relative to the same matter which they have forwarded to the Bureau by letter. He stated he would also advise Mr. White of the decision as indicated.

Mr. Rosen has been informed of the opinion of Mr. Brown and has been advised that SAC Scheidt has been given the information.

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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division

February 27, 1948

Director, FBI

FICTITIOUS COMMUNICATIONS SENT IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, on February 26, 1948, requested the New York Division of this Bureau to conduct an investigation to identify the individual or individuals who have been sending telegrams endorsing Paul Robeson for Vice-President on the Henry Wallace Third Party Presidential ticket. These telegrams purported to be signed by officials of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and have been sent to such persons as Walter Winchell, Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama, Governor Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi, and the Associated Press News Bureau, New York City. Telegrams have been signed with the name [redacted] The telegrams were dated February 22, 1948, and read: "Special Sunday Meeting Paul Robeson voted Vice-President on Wallace ticket. Senator Pepper second choice. Historical get-the-Negro-north plan formulated. Fifty thousand needed in Boston. Southern Governors apprised. Exclusive until broadcast time."

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Copies of these telegrams were furnished to Mr. White in an envelope marked [redacted] Mr. White also received a telegram signed [redacted] advising that the letter and its enclosures were following and indicating that a large Boston meeting would be planned for March 5, 1948.

In accordance with the discussion of this matter by Inspector [redacted] of this Bureau with Mr. Peter Brown, our New York Office has responded to Mr. White, advising him that a review of the material submitted fails to reflect a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. This memorandum is submitted to confirm the receipt of this complaint and your decision.

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TO : [redacted] M. LADD

DATE: December [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: "COUNTERATTACK"

At 3:40 p.m. SAC Scheidt of the New York Office called and stated he had received a call from Mr. Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who had inquired of him as to the reliability of "Counterattack." He had particular reference to the issue of November 28, 1947, which sets out that the Communists plan to capture the NAACP.

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Mr. Scheidt stated that he agreed to see Mr. White on this coming Monday morning, December 22, 1947. He stated Mr. White indicated that he planned to be in Washington, D. C. in January and planned at that time to accept the Director's invitation to drop in for a visit. Mr. Scheidt stated that he desired instructions as to the extent to which he could go in discussing the matter of "Counterattack" with Mr. Scheidt. He stated that if the Bureau approved, he would be fairly frank with Mr. White, explaining that the publication was handled by former FBI Agents, that the Bureau has actually nothing to do with "Counterattack," did not sponsor it in any manner, and the Bureau is not in a position to make any observations as to the reliability or truthfulness of the information contained in the publication.

The information set forth in the "Counterattack" issue of November 28, 1947, as reported by Mr. Scheidt, is in accord with information received from other sources by the Bureau, that the Communist Party is closing up its negro congress and has instructed its members to infiltrate the NAACP.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Mr. Scheidt be informed that he can discuss "Counterattack" with Mr. White, that he can be "fairly frank," that he should definitely indicate that the Bureau cannot in any way approve or disapprove this publication nor can it evaluate the accuracy of the information contained in this publication.

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ADDENDUM:

At 11:30 a.m., 12-20-47, SAC Scheidt was advised in accordance with the above recommendation.

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DIRECTOR

RE COUNTERATTACK. PURSUANT TO MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. [redacted] OF THE BUREAU DEC. TWENTEITH, UPON CONTACTING WALTER WHITE, SECRETARY NAACP, (b)(7)(c) TODAY WE DISCUSSED GENERAL BACKGROUND THIS PUBLICATION. MR. WHITE FURNISHED COPY OF SYNDICATED ARTICLE WRITTEN BY HIM FOR RELEASE DEC. EIGHTEENTH ENTITLED QUOTE COMMUNISTS AND THE NAACP UNQUOTE, COPY OF WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED BUREAU TODAY, COMMENTING ON RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF COUNTERATTACK. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE HAS FURNISHED TO ALL CHAPTERS OF NAACP COPIES OF THE INFO WHICH APPEARED IN COUNTERATTACK, INDICATING THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE ENDEAVORING TO TAKE OVER THE NAACP. IN FORWARDING THIS INFO TO CHAPTERS, WHITE INSTRUCTED THEM TO BE ON ALERT AGAINST INFILTRATION AND TO KEEP HEADQUARTERS ADVISED. WHITE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAD FURNISHED COPY OF HIS SYNDICATED ARTICLE TO COUNTERATTACK. THE GIST OF WHITE-S ARTICLE IS THAT HE IS NOT CONCERNED OVER ATTEMPTS OF COMMUNISTS TO TAKE OVER NAACP, SETTING FORTH REASONS FOR HIS VIEWS. MR. WHITE FURTHER INDICATED HE PROBABLY WILL FURNISH

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CONTACT T~~X~~V KIRKPATRICK OF COUNTERATTACK ASKING FOR SPECIFIC BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN COUNTERATTACK. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM, MR. WHITE INDICATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE FROM THE FBI AT ANY TIME INFO WHICH IT MIGHT RECEIVE REGARDING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AT THE NAACP, AND IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY MENTION THIS IN INTERVIEW HE EXPECTS TO HAVE WITH THE DIRECTOR EARLY PART OF JAN.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 31, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit with the Director by Walter White, Executive Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in January, 1948.

Mr. Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a telephone conversation with Mr. Scheidt of the New York Office on December 19, 1947, indicated he planned to be in Washington, D. C. some time in January, 1948 and at that time would accept your invitation to drop in for a visit.

Mr. White had called Mr. Scheidt to inquire about the publication "Counterattack" which is a weekly news letter to expose Communism, published by former Special Agents Jack Keenan, Ken Bierly and T. C. Kirkpatrick. Mr. White was particularly interested in the November 28, 1947, issue of "Counterattack" which contained information relating to the Communist plan to capture the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (Memo from [redacted] to Mr. Ladd 12-19-47 captioned "Counterattack.")

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The November 28, 1947, issue of "Counterattack," a copy of which is contained in the Bureau's files, reports for some time the Communist Party has been making serious efforts to infiltrate the NAACP and that last summer the Communist National Board decided that the time had come to "move on from infiltration of the NAACP to actual capture of it." This issue points out the merger of the National Negro Congress with the Civil Rights Congress was merely a cover for liquidation of the National Negro Congress whereby the Communists who had been active in such organization could thereafter concentrate on capturing the NAACP.

It is to be noted that the National Negro Congress and the Civil Rights Congress were recently designated by the Attorney General as organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

With Bureau approval, Mr. Scheidt on December 22, 1947, contacted Mr. White and discussed the general background of the publication, pointing out the Bureau has nothing to do with "Counterattack", did not sponsor it in any manner and is not in a position to make any observations as to the reliability or truthfulness of the information contained in the publication. At this time Mr. White provided Mr. Scheidt with a copy of a syndicated article written by him for release December 18, 1947, entitled "Communists and the NAACP," commenting on the recent allegations of "Counterattack" concerning the Communist plan to capture the NAACP.

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Mr. White also advised Mr. Scheidt that all chapters of the NAACP had been furnished copies of the information which appeared in "Counterattack" and the chapters were instructed to be on the alert against infiltration and to keep headquarters advised. Mr. White said he probably would contact Mr. Kirkpatrick of "Counterattack" to ask for specific basis for the allegations contained in the publication. Mr. White also indicated he would be glad to receive from the FBI at any time information which the Bureau might receive regarding Communist activities directed at the NAACP.

Mr. Scheidt feels it is possible Mr. White may mention this matter during the visit he expects to have with you in January.

By letter dated December 22, 1947, the New York Office provided the Bureau with a copy of the syndicated article written by Mr. White entitled "Communists in the NAACP." The gist of the syndicated article is that Mr. White is not particularly concerned over the plan of the Communists to capture the NAACP because he feels that the negro has learned through grim necessity to look before he leaps. The Communists in the National Negro Congress failed to attract more than a handful of members. The half million members of the NAACP have faith in their organization. The final decision on whether or not the world and America go Communist or Democratic or Fascist does not rest in the hands of any one organization or individual. Those who worry most about Communism crushing democracy should turn their energies toward cleaning house here at home and then Communism or any other totalitarian ideologies will be stopped dead in its tracks for all time to come.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Summary of organization and activity of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in New Orleans and the State of Louisiana reflects New Orleans NAACP reported oldest branch of NAACP in the South. [redacted] (b)(7)(D) First permanent office of NAACP here opened in 1943 at 3330 LaSalle Street. Branches of NAACP have been established in Lake Charles, New Iberia, Lafayette, Monroe, Baton Rouge, Alexandria, Marrero and Shreveport, La. The New Orleans NAACP reported controlled by its officers and Board of Directors. [redacted] (b)(7)(D) [redacted] (b)(1) No CP members elected to office in NAACP in elections held 11/10/47, New Orleans. Membership now reported approximately 5,000.

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DETAILS:

I. HISTORY AND SCOPE OF NAACP IN NEW ORLEANS AND STATE OF LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The New Orleans Informer and Sentinel, negro newspaper, in the issue dated August 21, 1943, under the heading "NAACP Office opens with a fine program", stated that the New Orleans Branch of the NAACP is said to be the oldest branch of this organization in the South.

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The Louisiana Weekly, a negro newspaper of New Orleans, in its issue of August 14, 1943, under the heading "Local NAACP Branch to Open Office Formally Sunday - Past Presidents to Join in Rites", stated that the New Orleans branch of the NAACP has now opened its first permanent office at 3330 LaSalle Street, and that this office would be occupied by the then President of the NAACP in New Orleans, DANIEL E. BYRD. The article reflected that the membership at this time of the NAACP was approximately 3,000.

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In addition to the New Orleans branch of the New Orleans NAACP, the most important branches have been established in the following cities:

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

The Lake Charles American Press, newspaper of Lake Charles, Louisiana, in an article dated August 9, 1943, under the heading "Negro Praised for Patriotism", stated that a State organization meeting of the NAACP had been held under the direction of DANIEL E. BYRD of the New Orleans branch of the NAACP. The conference was attended by delegates from various sections of the State, numbering 150 from ten parishes. The article stated that ARTHOLIA LADD of Lake Charles was elected Secretary of the State NAACP organization.

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The New Orleans Informer and Sentinel, negro newspaper, in its issue of May 17, 1947, reported that the NAACP branch at Lake Charles, Louisiana, has a membership drive on in order to increase the total membership there to 500. The chairman of this drive was listed as S. J. YOUNG.

A circular dated May 19, 1943, at Lake Charles, Louisiana, was sent out by the NAACP of Lake Charles requesting contributions. The circular was signed Lake Charles Branch, NAACP, Rev. A. G. WASHINGTON, President, Mrs. AUDREY M. SMITH, secretary.

The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that Rev. A. G. WASHINGTON of Lake Charles, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP at the Casson Street USO, Alexandria, Louisiana.

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

(b)(7)(c) (b)(7)(D) SA [redacted] advised that on July 28, 1943, he was informed by [redacted] Louisiana, that he [redacted] had received a letter dated July 10, 1943, signed [redacted] Lafayette, Louisiana. This letter st[redacted] the NAACP would have meetings in the church on July 14, 15 and 16. [redacted] stated he was invited to attend but did not do so.

The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that S. HOLLIER of Lafayette, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP at the Casson Street USO, Alexandria, Louisiana.

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

(b)(7)(c) (b)(7)(D) SA [redacted] was advised on July 29, 1943, by [redacted] Louisiana, that a meeting of the NAACP had been held at the Mount Calvery Baptist Church on the evening of July 25, 1943. He stated that the meeting was held behind closed windows and approximately 75 persons attended. The Calvery Baptist Church is located at 410 Weeks Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.

(b)(7)(c) (b)(7)(D) [redacted] ~~of New Iberia~~, Louisiana, advised S[redacted] in July, 1943, that [redacted] had learned that Dr. PIERSON, a colored dentist in New Iberia, was then the local President of the NAACP.

The Times Picayune, New Orleans newspaper, in an article dated August 10, 1943, under the heading "loyalty pledged by negro group", set out the contents of an article pledging support against fifth column activities in the United States. The article was signed by Rev. B. J. HURD and Rev. F. M. BOLEY, members of the Executive Committee of the NAACP at New Iberia, Louisiana.

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SA[redacted] contacted [redacted], New Iberia, Lou[redacted] [redacted]ust 10, 1943, at which tim[redacted] advised that he had rece[redacted] letter from the NAACP of New Iberia, the heading of the stationery for [redacted] containing the following names:

Dr. L. A. PIERSON, President; JOSEPH LEO HARDY, Secretary; OCTAVE LILLY, Treasurer; Dr. H. C. SCOGGINS, Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee; HERMAN J. FAULK, Assistant Secretary.

The Executive Committee was listed as follows:

E. L. AUGUSTER, T. A. BOLDEN, Rev. F. M. BOLEY, JOHN CASTILE, Dr. E. L. CORBEY, HERMAN J. FAULK, JOSEPH LEO HARDY; Rev. B. J. HURD, Dr. N. L. MACY, OCTAVE LILLY, SR., C. A. PENILTON, Dr. L. A. PIERSON, FORTUNE RANDOLPH, Dr. H. C. SCOGGINS, A. A. WILLIAMS, Dr. L. H. WILLIAMS.

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On December 15, 1943, [redacted] New Iberia, Louisiana, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] was a member of the NAACP and was endeavoring to recruit NAACP members in New Iberia.

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MONROE, LOUISIANA

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On June 1, 1943, the following information was furnished to SA [redacted] at Monroe, Louisiana, by [redacted] stated that the first active organization of the NAACP in Monroe was completed on November 25, 1942, when a negro named MADISON S. JAMES arrived in Monroe as a National Officer of the NAACP. A local unit of this association was then formed and meeting dates set for the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month at the Miller Funeral Home, 1006 Washington Street, Monroe, Louisiana. He advised that the following individuals were recruited and elected officers of the NAACP at that time:

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C. H. MEYERS, President, [redacted] Monroe, Louisiana, [redacted] PIERCE, Treasurer, [redacted]

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On February 8, 1944, [redacted] in Monroe at the Miller Funeral Home, 1005 Washington Street. Present at this meeting were the following individuals:

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It was further stated that the NAACP regularly held meetings at the address set out above in Monroe, Louisiana.

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The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that Rev. S. L. PIERCE and Rev. ALEX A. BURNS of Monroe, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP held at the Casson Street U.S.O. in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Weekly, negro newspaper of New Orleans, in the [illegible] 14, 1940, issue, stated that ERNEST J. WRIGHT spoke at a "kick off" meeting of the Baton Rouge branch of the NAACP at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. WRIGHT called on the citizens to support the membership campaign of the NAACP and stated that the NAACP "is interested in all mankind regardless of race, color or creed or national origin".

The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that B. J. STANLEY, Rev. GARDINER C. TAYLOR and W. W. WINBUSH of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP held at the Casson Street U. S. O. in Alexandria, Louisiana.

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Weekly, negro newspaper in New Orleans, in its issue of April 21, 1945, reported that ERNEST J. WRIGHT, Director of the Peoples Defense League, was the main speaker of the Alexandria branch of the NAACP on April 15, 1945, at the True Vine Baptist Church, Alexandria. It was reported that WRIGHT urged the people of Alexandria to "join hands with the freedom loving people of the world" and that "negroes must vote in Louisiana but not until all of us in this State put it on the must list in our agenda in the church, labor, fraternal, social, educational and civic affairs".

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The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that S. M. MOSLEY of Alexandria, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP held at the Casson Street U.S.O. in Alexandria, Louisiana.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

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Investigation conducted May 1, 1945, by SA [redacted] in Shreveport reflected that the NAACP was organized at Shreveport in approximately May, 1944, and has been fairly active there. Since its founding, effective as of May 1, 1945, the officers of the NAACP there were as follows:

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ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, [redacted] President; (b)(7)(c)
GENEVA BAILEY, [redacted], Vice President;
SHERMAN FOUNDAE, Secretary;
DENNIS S. BELL, Treasurer.

During 1944 a membership drive was conducted by the NAACP at Shreveport and according to the Shreveport Sun newspaper, the NAACP at that time had a total membership of 700 at Shreveport. It was reflected that the Office of the Good Citizens Mutual Insurance Company was used as a meeting place for the NAACP in Shreveport. The Shreveport Sun, under date of March 3, 1945, reflected that the Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP branches held its annual meeting at Shreveport on March 25, 1945. The article reflected that Attorney A. P. TUREAUD, State Counselor for the NAACP at New Orleans, was the main speaker, the subject dealt with being "the negro and the ballot".

The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that R. L. WILLIAMS and Mrs. MILDRED MOSELY of Shreveport, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP held at the Casson Street U.S.O. in Alexandria, Louisiana.

MARRERO, LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Weekly, negro newspaper in New Orleans, in an article dated November 8, 1947, under the title "Marrero NAACP Branch Opens", advised that a branch of the NAACP in Marrero had been established at 416 Robertson Avenue, Marrero, Louisiana, headed by ROBERT LANE as President.

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The Pittsburgh Courier, negro newspaper, in the January 17, 1948, issue, reported that Rev. A. L. DAVIS, JACKSON A. COX, Rev. W. C. WILLIS, Rev. SAMUEL MORGAN and Attorney A. P. TUREAUD of New Orleans, Louisiana, attended the State meeting of the NAACP at the Casson Street U.S.O. in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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The Louisiana Weekly, negro newspaper, in an article dated August 14, 1943, entitled "Local NAACP Branch to Open Office Formally Sunday, Past Presidents to Join in Rites", listed the past Presidents of the New Orleans Branch of the NAACP up to the date of the newspaper article. Those past Presidents are set out as follows:

E. M. DUNN, Rev. E. W. WHITE, GEORGE LABAT, JAMES E. GAYLE, Dr. A. W. BRAZIER, J. EDWIN WILKINS, Rev. C. CHARLES TAYLOR, Corporal BENNETT ROSS, DANIEL E. BYRD

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The Louisiana Weekly, negro newspaper, in an issue dated November 22, 1947, under the heading, "DELAHOUSSAYE elected local NAACP head", listed the following individuals as officers of the NAACP:

ROBERT DELAHOUSSAYE, President; PAUL LANDIX, Vice President; MILDRED AUBERT, Secretary; JOSEPH W. NELSON, Treasurer.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Rev. C. C. TAYLOR
Dr. GEORGE TALBOT
Mrs. ALMA VALLEY
JOSEPH WINESBERRY
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It was reflected that DANIEL E. BYRD, former President, was elected Regional Delegate, NAACP.

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The letterhead of the NAACP, as of March 19, 1947, lists the headquarters of the NAACP as 3002 Danneel Street.

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The New Orleans Informer and Sentinel, negro newspaper, of November 17, 1944, reported in an article on the NAACP that L. L. HAYNES had been elected President of the organization without opposition. The article reflected that at that time the NAACP claimed over 7,000 members.

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THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

At New Orleans, Louisiana, will continue to follow and report the Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Louisiana and the Southern District of Mississippi.

Will endeavor to obtain the membership list of the NAACP in New Orleans in order to determine the Communist Party members who are affiliated with the NAACP.

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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: April [redacted]

FROM : T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division TVQ:[redacted] 144-1[redacted]

SUBJECT: Anonymous Post Cards Allegedly from Negro League, Chattanooga, Tennessee, or NAACP; [redacted] (b)(7)(c), (b)(7)(d) 61-3176

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 24, 1948, to the Criminal Division, in the above-entitled matter.

You are advised that, from the information presently available, it does not appear that further investigation is warranted.

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